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## THE WORK OF AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DURING THE WAR.

# EFFECT OF THE WAR ON COLLEGE BUDGETS.

The table herewith presented shows the results indicated by answers from 16 universities and colleges to a letter addressed to each by the Bureau of Education in an attempt to obtain information regarding the effect of the war on college budgets. The institutions are representative of nearly every type of privately supported collegiate institution in the country.

The following table reveals the significant fact that at least 11 institutions out of the 16 are facing material deficits for the current school year as a result of the war. Several of those not in difficulty this year express grave doubts for the future in the event of a continuance of the war. The issue of the preservation of America's privately supported colleges and universities is squarely before the Nation for consideration. The Bureau of Education invites correspondence and suggestions as to the best method for helping private institutions in the present crisis.

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*Effect of the war on certain institutions.*

| No. | Institutions. | Students (1916). | | | Income (1916). | Reduction of income in 1917–18. | Probable war deficit. | Loss in students in 1917–18. | Reasons for deficit. | Means taken to avoid deficit. | Remarks. |
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| | | Men. | Women. | Total. | | | | | | | |
| 1 | University in the East. | 3,059 | 208 | 3,267 | $1,872,108 | $300,000 | Under $225,000 | 40 per cent | ⅔ loss of tuition; ⅓ dormitory rents | Faculty gone into service. Alumni gifts. | Not so much difficulty anticipated in future by reason: 1. Faculty readjustments. 2. Largo freshman class expected to take special military courses. |
| 2 | do | 5,039 | 767 | 5,806 | 722,087 | | $75,000 | | | Alumni gifts | |
| 3 | College in the East. | 612 | | 612 | 163,700 | | $35,000 | 200 students | Loss of tuition and increased cost of coal and labor. | | |
| 4 | University in the East. | 1,615 | | 1,615 | 706,865 | | $145,000 | | Loss in tuition amounts to $125,000. | Reduction of faculty and retrenchmeut in administration, expense for grounds and buildings and library. | Contributions sought to cover deficit. |
| 5 | University in the South. | 849 | 117 | 966 | 549,777 | $30,000 | Loss in income will probably be largely offset by ecouomies. | About 20 per ceut. | Loss of tuition and increased demands of war on private benevolence. | Absence of faculty members in war work. | If losses go on work must be curtailed. |
| 6 | College in the East. | 430 | | 430 | 233,550 | $25,000 | $20,000 | | Loss of tuition | Alumni contributions. | |
| 7 | College in the West | 335 | | 335 | 60,245 | 32 per cent reduction in tuition fees. | | | | | All departments will probably be continued, but greatly curtailed. |
| 8 | College in the East. | 1,468 | | 1,468 | 512,005 | | $60,000 | One-third to one-half. | Tuition lower, and increased cost of coal and labor. | | Do not believe it good business or good education to disrupt organization by curtailment. |

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| 9 | University in the South. | 871 | 77 | 948 | 275,000 | ..... | Large deficits expected, but figures not yet available. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Could not have continued to operate had not new endowment secured just before war increased income. |
| 10 | University in the West. | 991 | 490 | 1,481 | 392,169 | ..... | Expects no deficit, since budget was planned on reduced income. | ..... | ..... | ..... | Has surplus fund of $50,000 for emergencies. |
| 11 | College in the West | 233 | 209 | 442 | 84,126 | None..... | ..... | 20 per cent.... | ..... | ..... | Loss in students was offset by increase of tuition by 33 per cent. |
| 12 | .....do..... | 348 | 239 | 587 | 93,427 | $20,000..... | None..... | "More stars in service flag than men in college." | ..... | Subscriptions from friends. | It is doubtful whether the same sources can be relied upon again to underwrite a deficit. |
| 13 | University in the West. | 876 | 264 | 1,140 | 256,650 | ..... | $40,000..... | ..... | Loss in tuition and room rent. | Urging closing of all fraternity houses and students' entry into university dormitories. Alumni contributions. | |
| 14 | College in the East | 514 | ..... | 514 | 240,638 | $36,000..... | $36,000..... | 40 per cent.... | ..... | Alumni contributions. Reducing expenses. | |
| 15 | College in the West | 276 | 266 | 542 | 34,934 | ..... | $5,000..... | ..... | Loss in tuition. Increase in cost of coal and supplies. | ..... | |
| 16 | .....do..... | 178 | 147 | 325 | 48,292 | $8,000..... | $8,000..... | 27 per cent.... | Loss in tuition.... | Private subscriptions. | "A number of institions are likely to perish if war continues." |



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